WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES – 30th April 2026

The meeting was held on Thursday 30th April at Limpenhoe Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Present: Tony Johnson (Chair)
Nicola Peck (Deputy Chair)
Dot Machin (Chair, Parish Council)
Jan Davis (District & Parish Councillor)
Lucy Wood (British Sugar)
Steve Smith
Joe Aldous
Tim Drew
Carole Grimes (Secretary)

At the time of the meeting, there was no news on appointing a consultant even though the deadline set for responses was 30th April. Once a consultant is appointed, they will be able to offer leadership and guidance on how to proceed.

Anne, Parish Clerk, has provided a Neighbourhood Plan Toolkit which includes plans for strategic environmental assessment. Carole will forward the link to the group. (This was done on 7th May).

Terms of Reference for the Working Group will be confirmed to include frequency of meetings and variation of venue. The final version will be emailed to the group once confirmed.

Tony agreed to chase Broadland District Council for the relevant data to aid defining the parish profile.

Fewer viable sites than anticipated were put forward as part of the Greater Norwich Plan. A further request will be made but this could take months to determine any suitable sites.

Possibly from September onwards, we can do more significant work, such as:

- Gather data and evidence.
- Arrange a forum for residents' voice, for which we will need a consultant's help.
- Designate a suitable local area rather than oppose altogether. It was suggested the potato barns next to the village hall would represent an ideal brownfield site for possible development.
- Define type of areas, eg business area requiring business units, residential or mixed area.
- Ensure inclusivity with all groups.

We will be in a better position to advertise our activities once a consultant has been appointed. Various suggestions were made as to how we communicate with residents using the key objectives already discussed to drive questions.

To date, unofficial reports only suggest that Taylor Wimpey have withdrawn from pursuing their original developments in both Cantley and Reedham due to infrastructure issues. However, it is still vital to produce a Neighbourhood Plan to help shape any future threatened development.

The next meeting is at 7.00pm on Thursday 28h May at Cantley Village Hall.